

# ACT

## *Discharging any Person to go Aboard of, or Correspond with French Privateers.*

Edinburgh, August 3, 1697.



**H** E Lords of His Majesties Privy Council being informed, that notwithstanding the Laws and Acts of Parliament against such as Correspond with His Majesties Enemies; and particularly the Act One thousand six hundred ninety three, Intituled Act against Corresponding with France: Yet upon the occasion of French Privateers, and others His Majesties Enemies coming upon the Coasts of this Kingdom, several Persons have either been ensnared, or have presumed to go on Board of them, or otherways to Correspond with them, albeit Enemies, and in actual Hostility as said is: Therefore the saids Lords of Privy Council have discharged, and hereby discharge all and every one of His Majesties Leidges to go on Board any of the saids Privateers, or otherways to Correspond with them in any sort, or to have any manner of dealing with them, without express Licence obtained for that effect from the saids Lords of Privy Council, under the pains in the saids Acts. And the saids Lords of Privy Council do hereby Ordain, that all Sheriffs, Stewarts, Baillies and their Depxts, and other Magistrats whatsoever, be careful that these presents be duly observed, as they will be answerable: As also, that they be Printed and Published at the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and other places needful.



Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.  
GILB. ELIOT Cls. Sti. Concilii.